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COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT GIVES PUNGENT FACTS

If Interested in the Welfare of the Public Schools, Write your Representative.

Writing to the school directors and School officials of the County, County Superintendent N. A. Frost presents the following facts which should be of interest to every person in the county interested in education and the conduct of our schools:

There are about 130 schools in Oregon which have not been able to secure teachers this year.

There are about 325 teachers in Oregon who are filling positions temporarily but are not up to the standard required by law.

Graduation from Normal and training schools has fallen off 10% in three years in average reports from 35 states.

Washington County is most favorably situated to get teachers being near Portland, still it has required the utmost efforts of school boards and County Superintendent to keep the positions filled and some usually on the waiting list.

This comes at a time when there is an unusual demand for a higher grade of teaching in the fundamentals and in citizenship.

There is one cause for this and only one, insufficient salaries for teachers. In spite of the \$75 minimum salary law passed last year the

advance was only about 16%. Teachers are leaving the profession to start in new jobs for which they are not especially trained but at a higher salary. A Normal trained teacher just resigned a position in this county, where she started at \$60 three years ago and had only been raised to \$80. She started in at \$100 in an office where it will take some months training to learn the work and will then get more pay if she is successful. A kitchen girl in a lumber camp in Washington County is getting more pay than the teacher of the school.

There is an even worse phase of this question than the closing of schools and that is the unrest, dissatisfaction and even resentment and bitterness in some cases, among those who have become tied to teaching as a profession and are not situated so they can turn to anything else. This is hot a time when we can trust the training of our children to teachers who are in that frame of mind.

There is no greater emergency before the special session of the Oregon Legislature than the educational emergency.

School boards have been hampered by lack of funds. They would be glad to pay more but many of the districts have gone the limit and still are too poor to raise the salaries.

I want to ask you to support two bills which will be proposed. One is a bill to levy a state wide tax of 2 mills which would raise approximately \$10 per capita for the school children of the state to be distributed in such a way as to relieve especially the small weak districts. At present we only get from \$1.85 to \$1.95 per capita from the state.

The other bill is to remove the 5% limitation from applying to educational appropriations.

Both these will be referendum bills to be voted on by the people at the May elections if passed by the Legislature.

Since the term of office of the County School Superintendent expires this year and since the office is open for candidates to file for election in the primaries next May, I do not deem it improper to call attention of those interested in the welfare of the rural schools to certain conditions.

The salary of the School Superintendent is \$100 per month, the same as it was fixed eight years ago. One superintendent has resigned since then to take a better paying position

in the county. There are forty teachers in the county getting a higher monthly salary than the Superintendent.

Some of the county officers get 50% more than the superintendent of schools and deputies and merely clerical positions get as much.

Washington County is among the wealthiest and most populous counties in the state and ranks about third in the amount of county business. Our county officials are among the poorest paid as a whole.

The salary item altogether is an insignificant item in the county budget. The cost of raising one county official's salary \$300 would cost the man having an assessment of \$4000 the price of only one 10c cigar.

The State legislature sets the salaries of the county officials and will do it as recommended by the delegation from the county concerned.

How will our Representatives know how the people feel about these things unless somebody takes the trouble to express themselves. What is everybody's business is apt to be nobody's business. If the school officers cannot spend 10c postage and a little time writing for the interest of the schools, who will do it?

Write a short letter to each of the following telling them what you think of a two mill state wide tax for the common schools and removing the 5% limitation on tax levies for schools, and raising the county superintendent's salary to equal any of the other county officers.

Senator W. D. Wood, State Senate, Salem, Oregon.

Rep. Loyal M. Graham, House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon.

Rep. E. W. Haines, House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon.

Rep. Wm. G. Hare, House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon.

Yours very truly,
N. A. FROST,

County Superintendent of Schools.

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PHYSICIANS OF THE COUNTY TO MEET HERE ON JAN. 19

It has been determined by the Physicians of Washington County to hold a Meeting and dinner on Jan. 19, 1920, at Forest Grove, Oregon. The meeting will be held in the parlors of the M. E. Church. At this meeting matters of great importance will be discussed by this Society, among which are the building of a hospital and revision of fee schedules. All physicians are earnestly urged to be present at this important meeting, as it is essential for all Washington

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6:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor.
7:30 P. M. Preaching Service.

THURSDAY

8:00 P. M. Bible Study and Prayer Service

YOU are invited
FORM THE HABIT

Come NEXT SUNDAY

H. S. WILEY, Pastor.

County Physicians to attend.

Dinner will be served at 6 P. M.

This is an open meeting and the

doctors will be expected to bring their

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The invitation committee is composed of Dr. Quentin Tucker, Chairman, Doctors Fortner and Lyde.

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Madness of the Moon.

So far as we can gather, there is no foundation for the old belief that the moon affects the mind and brings about madness in some people. The idea may have originated from the word "lunatic," which is derived from "luna" the moon.

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